

ANXIOUS FOR NEW BOOKS.

When the Carnegie library was opened last Saturday by C. M. Clark, who has had charge of much of the detail work since the building of the new quarters began, and Miss Emma Christ, librarian, a large number of boys and girls were on hands to be the first to read the new books that the Herald announced last week would be available at the time of the opening.

A Herald reporter was soon on hand and found an interested throng at the pretty new tables, each party with a new book open before them. Miss Christ, who has been the efficient librarian for many years, is quite proud of the new building over which she is to preside and she says that it is her belief that there is no better library building in the state of Kansas.

Near the center of the room is the latest newspaper file stand, where the Herald and other papers will be on file each week. Magazines to the number of a score or more occupy shelves to the north of the room. Bound volumes for years back can be found on the shelves at the rear of the librarian's desk.

To the township board and S. P. McDonald especially, much credit must be given for supervising the work of getting the building ready. To C. M. Clark the township and city owe much, for there has been but few days since the building was started that his advice and counsel have not been sought by the workmen or township board.

A word of greeting from the first librarian follows. For a few weeks after the library was opened John Church, who was at that time editing a paper here, had charge of the building, but Mrs. Silsbee was the first official librarian:

Los Angeles, Calif., April 8, 1914.

To the Citizens of Peabody:

Sharing in your just pride of the library that has for so long a time been one of the institutions of Peabody, I send hearty greetings and best wishes for the future of the new library now being dedicated.

In reading a letter from your librarian asking for a word from my pen fitting the occasion, old memories are deeply stirred, fond memories of days passed in the old library, and especially of the day when I entered upon my duties as librarian and saw the faces of so many friends who gave me a word of welcome, some of whom, no doubt, are with you today, while many have passed the portals of the beautiful unknown beyond. I also see the bright and happy faces of the boys and girls who came to search the deep bound volumes for answers to many a puzzling question, whose brown locks of that day are now threaded with silvery gray, which in the sober hues of truth say somebody, like the library, has also grown old. Now as we bid farewell to the library building presented to us forty years ago by Hon. F. H. Peabody, of Boston, Mass., never forgetting its days of usefulness, I join you in thanks to Mr. A. Carnegie for the beautiful building that today stands in its place.

With thanks for the opportunity of expressing myself to the citizens of Peabody, I remain respectfully,

MRS. MARY FRANCES SILSBEE.

A call for donation of books was responded to by the following named persons.
The titles of the books donated also follow:

Donated by Hon. T. M. Potter:

The Story of Livingston, Vautier Golding.

Call of the World, Doughty.

The Chinese Revolution, Arthur Brown.

Ugandi's White Man of Work, Fahs.

With Your Always, Fenn.

The Broken Wall, Streiner.

Black Beaded Barbarian, Keith.

Donated by C. M. Clark:

German Dictionary.

U. S. History.

Ramona, Jackson.

The Lords of High Decision, Meredith Nicholson.

Bench and Bar of the South and Southwest, Foote.

Mr. Clark also donates Lippincott's Monthly Magazine each month as it is received.

Life of Jerry Simpson by Mrs. Diggs was donated by Ed Worthington.

Bible Readings was donated by A. P. Howe.

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The Public Library began business in its new quarters last Saturday, and was visited by a great many people who were lavish in favorable comments. Peabody is proud of its new building, as it always has been of the Library as its best community asset. About a hundred books were issued the first day, and about twenty volumes donated, with the promise of many more.

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